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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A CALL has been issued for a pure food and drug congress to meet at the National hotel in Washington March 30 for the purpose of urging congress to pass a pure food and anti-adulteration law.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the entertainment of President Dole, of Hawaii, on a scale befitting his rank as the chief magistrate of a friendly nation. It has been decided that he shall be regarded as the nation's guest and that this government shall bear the expense of his entertainment while in Washington.

THE order issued by the department of the interior, directing the sub-treasurer of the United States at St. Louis not to issue any more money to any of the treasurers of the five tribes on account of the invested fund held in trust for the tribes, has caused a sensation. It has paralyzed the Cherokee government, because 90 per cent. of the funds used in the running of the government are derived from the fund.

ACCORDING to Senator Chandler, not a bill for the reform of the currency is likely to receive affirmative action in this congress. He has leanings toward very liberal coinage of silver and is opposed to the retirement of the paper currency of the government.

NOTICE has been received by the state department that the French government will surrender William R. Foster, the defaulting custodian of the Produce Exchange gratuity fund, who fled from New York with \$175,000 of the funds more than nine years ago.

COMMISSIONER EVANS, of the pension office, has in preparation a new set of regulations governing the practice of attorneys before the pension office and the adjudication of claims therein.

THE interior department has issued a compact pamphlet of the United States laws relating to mining. It contains suggestions as to location, possession, purchase and patenting of the mineral lands of the public domain.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS, of the A. F. of L., and other labor leaders had a hearing the other day before the house labor committee on proposed legislation extending the eight-hour law to all government work done by sub-contractors.

GOV. BARNES went to Washington the other day to help secure the passage of the free homes bill, giving Oklahoma settlers their claims under the old homestead law without requiring the payment of from \$1 to \$2.50, which would mean a saving of \$15,000,000 to the settlers of the territory.

THE president has nominated John W. Griggs, the present governor of New Jersey, to be attorney general.

REPORTS to the war department at Washington indicate great scarcity of food in the Klondike gold country in Alaska, with prospects of worse to come.

OFFICIALS of the land department of the Rock Island railroad state that the number of "sooners" encamped on the Wichita reservation in Oklahoma is constantly increasing and there is sure to be a big rush for that section before long.

GENERAL NEWS.

JONAS BESTOW's daughter, three years old, was found dead at Webster City, Ia., with one of her hands in a wolf trap. The steel spring had snapped an artery. An elder brother had set the contrivance in the barn.

OFFICER FRANK MURRAY was picked out of a line of policemen by J. M. Platts and J. A. Brooks at the Grand Crossing station at Chicago as the man who had forced them at the point of a revolver to surrender on the street, what money they had. Murray was placed in a cell, but emphatically denied the charge against him.

In a scheduled six-round fight between "Yank" Kenney and Steve O'Donnell at Philadelphia on the 21st, the latter had a broken hand and could not go on, so Peter Maher was substituted and in little more than a minute he put Kenney to sleep.

A DISASTROUS flood at English, Ind., the other night washed away three of the five bridges over Little Blue river. Fifty persons on one bridge were saved with difficulty by old citizens when it went down. Many horses and cattle were drowned and many of the houses in the low grounds were four and five feet deep in water.

CHRIS MERRY, the peddler charged with wife-murder at Chicago, was found guilty by the jury. Smith, his alleged accomplice, was found not guilty.

A RECENT dispatch from Des Moines, Ia., stated that many investors in that section had been swindled by some real estate sharks who had offered lands in Christian county, Mo., for sale and had given worthless title deeds.

JUDGE SHELDON, of the superior criminal court at Boston, has decided a point of law which is of importance to labor organizations. He ruled that the word "intimidation," as used in the statute, means only "threats to use force," and does not mean "threats to leave work" or "threats to refuse to work with others."

REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, the noted divine of Washington, and Mrs. Elmore McCutcheon Collier, of Allegheny City, Pa., were united in marriage at the McCutcheon residence on the 23d. The present Mrs. Talmage is the reverend gentleman's third wife.

PROF. WILLIAM EBRIGHT, ex-superintendent of the Institute for the Blind at Nebraska City, Neb., has been arrested for alleged misappropriation of funds.

A RESOLUTION was adopted recently by the Trades and Labor union in St. Louis for holding a world's fair in that city in 1903 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana purchase.

SENTENCE of death for matricide has been pronounced on Virgil Gallagher, a young medical student, at Galveston, Tex.

REV. T. W. B. DAWSON, an aged recluse, was burned to death in his cottage near Troy, Ill., the other night.

HIGH water in the Ohio so undermined the supports of a bridge at New Albany, O., on the 23d that when a train went on it one side sagged and the locomotive toppled into the river and the engineer and a brakeman were killed.

AT sunrise on the 24th the festivities at San Francisco began, to last one week, of California's golden jubilee. The city was gaily decorated and on every hand were displayed large portraits of James Marshall, who picked up the first gold nugget in California in the year 1848.

FIFTEEN Cherokee convicts, including some desperate characters, escaped from the national prison at Tahlequah, I. T., by tunneling through the basement wall the other night. The sheriff was absent.

SIXTEEN miles of the Hennepin canal is now completed and ready for the water to be turned in. One thousand men are at work in Bureau county, Ill., the work being pushed night and day.

WHILE a cage was being hoisted in the shaft of a mine at Wasnes, Belgium, the cable broke and 15 miners were dashed to pieces.

JEFFERSON KNIGHT was hanged at Mobile, Ala., on the 21st for the murder of Frank Dantzer. The condemned man made a full confession.

JOHN MCGOWAN, who taught school in Alexander county, Ill., whipped Henry and Scott Jordan for disobedience. The brothers afterwards waylaid the teacher and beat him so that he died. They were jailed at Jonesboro and an attempt at lynching was feared.

EDWARD SHANNON, aged 70, who shot his divorced wife dead on the train, has been sentenced to be hanged February 11, at Wheaton, Ill.

A MINING estate in Colorado valued at \$25,000,000 has been left to George Clark and Maria Hook, who reside near Columbus, Ind. The estate was left by Ambley Clark, a grandfather of the two heirs.

THE widow of Dr. Thomas J. Cogley has presented to Hanover college, Madison, Ind., \$20,000 to endow a chair of physics.

BLACKLEG in Beaver county, Ok., which is 300 miles long and 50 miles wide and contains many large ranches, was causing much alarm among cattlemen, great numbers of cattle having died from the complaint.

THE towboat Job Williams, with a tow of 60 coal boats, was caught in a storm near Leavenworth, Ind., and 14 of the coal boats were sunk and two of the steamer's crew were washed overboard and drowned.

W. E. WICKER, contracting freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, died some days ago and his body was cremated. His ashes were afterwards scattered to the four winds of heaven from a ferryboat at San Francisco, according to his instructions.

A DISPATCH from New York the other day stated that there was an organized movement in the Theosophical society to depose Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley, the present leader, and restore E. T. Hargrove to the presidency.

ON his return to Waco, Tex., from Kansas City, Mo., recently, W. C. Brann, of the Iconoclast, was arrested for criminal libel on four charges.

FIVE masked men entered the residence of Mrs. Gratz, near Beaver Dam, O., and bound and gagged the household, consisting of Mrs. Gratz, a daughter, three sons and two farm hands, and then secured all the valuables in the house. After cooking themselves a good breakfast the robbers departed, leaving the inmates still bound.

THE body of Rev. Father William Kurtenbach, of Flint Hill, Mo., was found in the river at St. Louis. The trouser pockets were turned wrong side out, but nothing further to indicate violence was found.

THE physicians of Paterson, N. J., have determined to knock out patent medicines at any cost and will open up a "doctors' drug store," where all prescriptions must be filled, and they will boycott the other drug stores.

FIRE in Iona, Mich., destroyed the Webber block, a two-story sandstone building and contents, causing \$75,000 loss.

AT Calro, Ill., the other morning the big log boom at the plant of the Chicago Mill & Lumber company was carried down the river. It was not anchored securely enough to withstand the heavy drift of the Ohio river and 4,000 logs were swept away.

AN immense flow of gas has been struck in a well on a farm west of Eldora, Ia. At a depth of 100 feet the water was suddenly blown out with terrible force.

STEPS will be taken, it was said, by the Humane society of Denver, Col., to prosecute the officials of the state industrial school for incorrigible girls for the alleged inhuman treatment of five of the inmates. It was stated that five girls disobeyed an order and were placed in cold, damp dungeons and fed on bread and water for ten days to break their spirits.

THE Lick observatory party, under Prof. Campbell, wired that the observations taken in India of the eclipse of the sun on the 22d were successful and the results obtained were most valuable.

THE funeral of Joseph Handley took place at Philadelphia on the 22d. Handley weighed 530 pounds and was four feet broad across the shoulders. The coffin, together with the corpse, weighed 1,200 pounds.

TWO farmers near Crawfordsville, Ind., were swindled recently on the gold brick game, paying \$2,000 for a gilded brass brick.

A MINE of platinum has been discovered in Jack county, Tex. As platinum is three times as valuable as gold the great value of the find may be seen.

By the explosion of an engine boiler on the farm of Mrs. Meadows, 3½ miles southwest of Abingdon, Ill., Oscar Anderson and his stepson were killed and Lloyd and Willis Meadows were seriously, if not fatally, injured.

POLICE found \$92,600 worth of counterfeit money in the chimney of a vacant house in West Hoboken, N. J., recently. It was all in \$100 notes on the Bank of Montreal. The United States treasury department was notified and the secret service men took charge of the counterfeits and will try to find the plates.

EAST Grand Forks, N. D., suffered another severe fire on the 20th. An elevator and the bridge approach are in ruins and a number of stores burned.

In the trial of the whitecaps at Decatur, Ind., in which James Parrish, a constable, was whipped almost to death last September, evidence brought to light the fact that Parrish's wife was one of the persons to make the arrangements to have her husband whipped and visited the whitecaps at secret meetings to accomplish her purpose.

SIGNOR NICOLINI, husband of Adelina Patti, the great singer, died at Pau, France.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire visited Ransburg, Cal., on the 19th. The post office and several business houses went up in smoke, causing a loss of \$100,000.

THREE advanced students of the Western Theological seminary, of Pittsburgh, Pa., were recently indefinitely suspended by the faculty for gross immoral conduct.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in the business center of Mount Vernon, Ind., early the other morning, destroying about \$32,550 worth of property.

THERE was a severe earthquake shock the other day at Argenta, Italy, and a church and some buildings were wrecked and several persons injured.

FORTY persons were killed and 18 injured by an explosion of gas in a mine in the Tagenrog district, on the north shore of the sea of Azov, Russia.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE preliminary steps in the wrestle with the arid land problem was taken the other day by the public lands committee of the house. Several bills for the disposition of the immense arid tracts to the various states were up and their consideration by the committee was commenced.

A COLLIERY accident near Mons, Belgium, resulted in the death of 17 persons.

FOUR fires occurred the other night at Mahanoy City, Pa., three of which were believed to be incendiary.

THE president has nominated Charles H. Duell, of New York, to be commissioner of patents.

EUGENE V. DEBS has issued a plea to the public in behalf of Salter T. Worden under sentence of death for train wrecking near Sacramento, Cal., during the railroad strike of 1894. Mr. Debs says that Worden is the victim of a conspiracy of railroad detectives.

JUAN SALAS, a boy, was thrown from a runaway horse at San Antonio, Tex., and his foot hung fast in the stirrup. He was dragged eight blocks, his head being frightfully mutilated.

CONSIDERABLE comment was created in Washington on the 24th, principally because of its probable effect on the hot-headed Spaniards, by the announcement that the United States warship Maine had been ordered to Havana. It was said at the navy department that the movement was in the line of a resumption of free intercourse of United States naval vessels in Cuban waters such as prevailed prior to their withdrawal on account of the outbreak of hostilities.

THE oath of office was administered in the senate on the 24th to Mr. H. D. Money as senator from Mississippi; a resolution adopted by the Mississippi legislature was presented asking the United States government to intervene in behalf of the Cuban insurgents. The pension bill was then considered, an amendment by Mr. Allen to have no pension lower than \$8 a month going over. The house considered the Indian appropriation bill.

A FIRE at Spokane, Wash., on the 25th destroyed the Great Eastern block. The upper floors were occupied by roomers and it was feared that ten to fifteen of them had perished in the flames.

THREE corpses were found on the beach near Ashtabula, O., on the 24th. The men had probably been drowned in the gale on the lake during the previous night.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Condensed Daily Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth Regular Session.

THE senate on the 18th passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. It carries \$1,913,810. The Teller resolution providing that bonds of the United States may be paid in standard silver dollars was favorably reported by the finance committee and notice given that it would be called up at an early date. Senator Platt (N. Y.) introduced a bill providing for the withholding of pensions of ex-soldiers employed in the civil service under the laws favoring them for such positions in cases where their salaries exceed \$1,200 per annum. Senator Morgan (Ala.) occupied the entire time of the executive session in the presentation of his views favoring the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. The house passed the army appropriation bill and then took up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. As soon as the enacting clause was read Mr. DeArmond (Mo.) offered an amendment to recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents, which precipitated an exciting discussion, Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, raising the point of order that the amendment was new legislation and the chair sustained him. The Indian appropriation bill was afterwards presented.

A SPIRITED debate occurred in the senate on the 19th over a resolution for the committee on post offices to inquire into the recent order of the postmaster general for reducing the force of letter carriers of the country. The resolution went over. Senator Vest (Mo.) reported a bill which places quarantine matters under the control of the federal government. Senator Morgan (Ala.) continued his speech in advocacy of the Hawaiian annexation treaty in the executive session. When the house convened Mr. Lacey (Ia.) introduced a bill to extend the homestead laws to Alaska. It went over. Mr. Brucker (Mich.) then introduced a resolution to instruct the committee on foreign affairs to report without further delay the senate Cuban belligerency resolution. Like a flash, Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, was called up with a point of order which the speaker promptly sustained. Mr. Hitt then made a motion, which was carried, to go into committee of the whole on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. As soon as the first paragraph was read the battle over Cuba recommenced. Messrs. Williams (Miss.), Lewis (Wash.) and Wilson (S. C.) offering amendments to the bill looking to the recognition of the Cuban insurgents, but they were all ruled out of order. Mr. Hitt explaining at length the situation why action by congress was inadvisable.

By a vote of 41 to 25 the senate on the 20th decided to consider the Teller resolution providing for the payment of bonds of the United States in silver at the option of the government. Senator Vest (Mo.) spoke briefly on the resolution and announced his intention to secure a vote upon it as soon as possible. Senator Mills (Tex.) secured the passage of a resolution directing the secretary of war to examine the Port Arthur ship canal with a view to its extension to deep water. A resolution was passed for an investigation into the killing of a woman in Oklahoma by Indians and also one asking the postmaster general what action was necessary to maintain the excellency of the free postal delivery. Senator Morgan (Ala.) concluded his speech on the Hawaiian annexation treaty. The house considered the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill in committee of the whole. Messrs. Champ Clark (Mo.), Johnson (Ind.) and King (Utah) making speeches about Cuba and Mr. Dingley (Me.) on the reduction of the wages in the New England cotton industry. When the committee rose and reported the bill to the house there was a sensational episode. Mr. Bailey (Tex.) moving to recommit the bill with instructions to report it back with an amendment embodying the terms of the senate Cuban belligerency resolution. The speaker ruled the motion out of order. Mr. Bailey stated that he had a distinct understanding with the speaker that the bill should be recommitted. The speaker emphatically denied it and Mr. Bailey reiterated that they had had an agreement. Finally the bill was passed by a vote of 158 to 95 and the house adjourned.

AN agreement was reached in the senate on the 21st that a final vote on the Teller resolution, providing that the bonds of the United States may be paid in silver dollars, and all pending amendments thereto, should be taken on the 27th. The resolution of Senator Allen (Neb.) asking the secretary of the interior for papers concerning the dismissal from the pension office of Mrs. M. E. Roberts was referred to the civil service committee. In the executive session Senator Allen (Neb.) spoke against continuing Attorney General McKenna for justice of the United States supreme court, but when a vote was taken it was overwhelmingly in McKenna's favor and his nomination was confirmed. The house considered the senate amendments to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. An appropriation of \$15,000 for the repair of the National cemetery at Fort Smith, Ark., was concurred in. The bill was finally sent to conference. There was considerable discussion over the bill to pay the claims of the Southern Methodist church, but no action was taken on the bill. The Lacey bill to extend the public land laws to Alaska and grant a general right of way to railroads was passed.

IN the senate on the 22d Senator Stewart (Nev.) spoke on the Teller resolution, denouncing the issue of bonds by President Cleveland. Two amendments were afterwards offered to the resolution—one, declaring it to be the duty of the government to maintain the parity of its gold and silver money, and another, declaring it to be the financial policy of the United States to maintain the existing gold standard until an international agreement for the free coinage of silver was reached. The debate on each was postponed. Senator Cannon (Utah) introduced a bill providing for the publication of the pension roll and Senator Gallinger (N. H.) offered an amendment to the pension appropriation bill that no pension shall be paid on power of attorney from pensioners residing in foreign countries. Bills on the pension calendar were then considered. In the house some odds and ends of legislation were cleaned up. A resolution was adopted requesting the state department to transmit information about the execution of Col. Ruiz by the Cuban insurgents. Mr. Bailey (Tex.) rose to a question of privilege and spoke about his recent misunderstanding with Speaker Reed and then the house went into committee of the whole on the Indian bill.

A Widow surrenders Her Pension.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The widow of Capt. D. W. Bradshaw, of company D, Seventh Illinois cavalry, will cease to draw a pension after this month. It is her own request that the pension be discontinued, and in a letter to the commissioner of pensions she returns the certificate, adding that she no longer desires to draw a pension of \$8 per month from the government, since she has recently fallen heir to an estate valued at \$200,000.

Gov. Barnes' Washington Mission.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 24.—Gov. Barnes will go to Washington to help secure the passage of the free homes bill, giving Oklahoma settlers their claims under the old homestead law without requiring the payment of from \$1 to \$2.50, which would mean a saving of \$15,000,000 to the settlers of the territory.

WHERE HARD TIMES ARE NOT KNOWN.

Described by a St. Paul Paper as the New Star of Liberty.



A correspondent, in a communication to this paper, says during the past few months so much has

been said and written of Western Canada, and the new provinces forming it, he has been led to give the subject some inquiry, and he has been shown letters written to the Canadian government from delegates sent out by friends to inspect the country.

One of the delegates who was sent to Western Canada says: "In undertaking to give a description I fear I shall not be able to give it justice, for I hardly know where to begin or when to end. For a plea for my judgment, I will assume, for an illustration, the experience of a man who went from place to place in search of a wife, and finding so many of good qualities and attractions, was unable to determine which to choose, so in looking for a home in Western Canada I like the country well, and two of my boys are going this fall (they have since gone, and each has a homestead), where I am satisfied they will do well. The lands which I have seen are far superior in every respect and beyond my expectations. Lakes and streams to be found in all districts abound with innumerable kinds of water fowl, while fish are very abundant. On all sides we see innumerable stacks of grain, proving beyond doubt the fertility of the soil. On either side of the track can be seen in addition to the grain herds of cattle, horses and flocks of sheep. I have traveled over a great portion of the Western states and I have seen nothing to compare with this country. One hundred and sixty acres of land are given free to actual settlers, and I saw cases where as high as \$20 per acre had been cleared in one year. I do not wish to advise anyone, but as for myself I shall leave as soon as I can arrange my affairs." The agents of the Canadian government are now at work organizing excursion parties, and the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, Canada, will be pleased to supply the information to those who are not within reach of an agent.

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